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Patent
Attorney's Docket No. 000500-282

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)
Elisabeth LAKSO et al.) Group Art Unit: 3761
Application No.: 09/720,908) Examiner: K.M. Reichle
Filed: March 9, 2001) Confirmation No.: 7370
For: USE OF A POLYETHENE MATERIAL)
PRODUCED FROM RENEWAL RAW)
MATERIAL AS COMPONENT OF AN)
ABSORBENT ARTICLE, AND THE)
ABSORBENT ARTICLE)

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- ☒ Also enclosed is an Abstract, postcard showing Figs. filed, substitute specification, marked-up copy of specification, and Submission of Formal Drawings
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$375.00 (2801) ☐ \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted __, on __, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least __, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.

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☐ No additional claim fee is required.

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AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	34	MINUS 26 =	8	× \$18.00 (1202) =	\$144.00
Independent Claims	5	MINUS 5 =	0	× \$84.00 (1201) =	0
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203)					
Total Amendment Fee					144.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					144.00

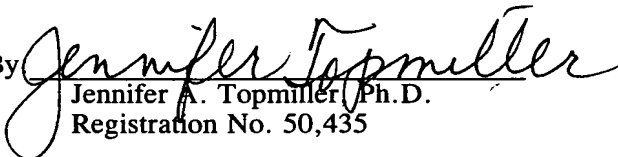
☒ A claim fee in the amount of \$ 144.00 is enclosed.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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REPLY & AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed October 1, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the revised specification submitted herewith for that originally filed on January 2, 2001. A marked up copy of the substitute specification showing the changes is also submitted herewith.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please insert the enclosed Abstract, submitted herewith on a separate page, after the claims.

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